

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2002-343

March 4, 2003

BANGOR HYDRO ELECTRIC COMPANY
Request to Construct Transmission Line of
100 or More Kilovolts Between the Chester
Substation and the East Millinocket Substation

PROCEDURAL ORDER

Telephone Conference – February 26

During a telephone conference on February 26, the Examiner's made the following rulings. At the request of counsel for the IECG, the Examiner scheduled a technical conference that will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. (in conjunction with the case management conference) on the subject of the so-called "18.4 conditions." Bangor Hydro Electric Company (BHE) witnesses will be available to answer questions about the 18.4 conditions. The conference will also be used to discuss hearing management of witnesses covering issues other than the 18.4 conditions. The case management memoranda and responsive memoranda on the non-18.4 conditions remain due as set forth in the February 20 Procedural Order, as modified in the last paragraph of this procedural order. The IECG shall file its case management memorandum related to 18.4 conditions by 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 2003. BHE shall file a memorandum in response to IECG's March 11 memorandum no later than March 17, 2003.

OPA Request to Move Hearing Date

Counsel for the Public Advocate requested that the hearing be moved from March 25 to March 28. That request is granted. The hearing shall be held on Friday, March 28, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, a second case management conference will be held on Tuesday March 25 at 1:00 p.m. The subject of the March 25 conference will be hearing management issues raised by the case management memoranda on the 18.4 conditions, as well as any other hearing management issues carried over from the March 5 conference.

Late Intervention Request

The late-filed petition to intervene by the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union. AFL-CIO, CLC (PACE) will also be discussed at the March 5 conference. The Motion by counsel for PACE to postpone the March 5 conference is denied.

IECG's Motion for More Thorough Compliance

A telephone conference on IECG's Motion was held on February 28, 2003. As a result of the conference, counsel for BHE agreed with the Examiner that BHE would file a more detailed statement as to the testimony of Fred Leigh and Jeff Jones. For example, counsel will provide a description of the facts which demonstrate the inadequacy of the existing facilities that Mr. Leigh will testify about. Similarly, counsel will provide a description of the FERC Settlement Agreement and FERC rates that Mr. Jones will present. Counsel for BHE will file the more detailed memorandum by Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Counsel for IECG (and counsel for other parties who will present testimony in response to Mr. Jones or Mr. Leigh) will file responsive memoranda by Friday, March 7, 2003.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 4th day of March, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

James A. Buckley